

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in a condition for allowance in view of the following remarks.

Applicants note, with appreciation, the identification of claims 17-19 as allowable, and the identification of claims 3-14 as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6, and rewritten claims 3, 5 10 and 12 as new independent claims 20, 21, 22 and 23, respectively, including all the underlying limitations of the base claim from which they originally depended.

The remaining claims in the present application, specifically claims 2-5 and 7-14, are allowable for the limitations therein and for the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. NGB 38805.

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